

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	90.0
Hours flown	46.7
Monthly offset	-43.3
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	222.0
Hours flown	146.7
Monthly offset	-75.3
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	570.0
Hours flown	187.7
Monthly offset	-382.3
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	358
Sorties flown	134
Monthly offset	-224
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	341
Sorties flown	37
Monthly offset	-304
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of Aug. 16	

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy
SE winds @ 7-10 knots
High: 90 Low: 81

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy
SE winds @ 5-10 knots
High: 90 Low: 81

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy
NE winds @ 9-12 knots
High: 90 Low: 79

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=Y107 SELLING: Y113=\$1

Kadena practices war plans

By 1st Lt. Chrystal Smith
18 Wing Public Affairs

Kadena personnel were recalled Saturday morning as a part of the wing operational readiness exercise.

Since passing the Operational Readiness Inspection in October 2003, the wing continues to conduct the readiness training at least once quarterly to ensure Airmen stay prepared for contingency operations.

The exercise was designed to test Airmen of the 18th Wing on their ability to survive and operate during a contingency.

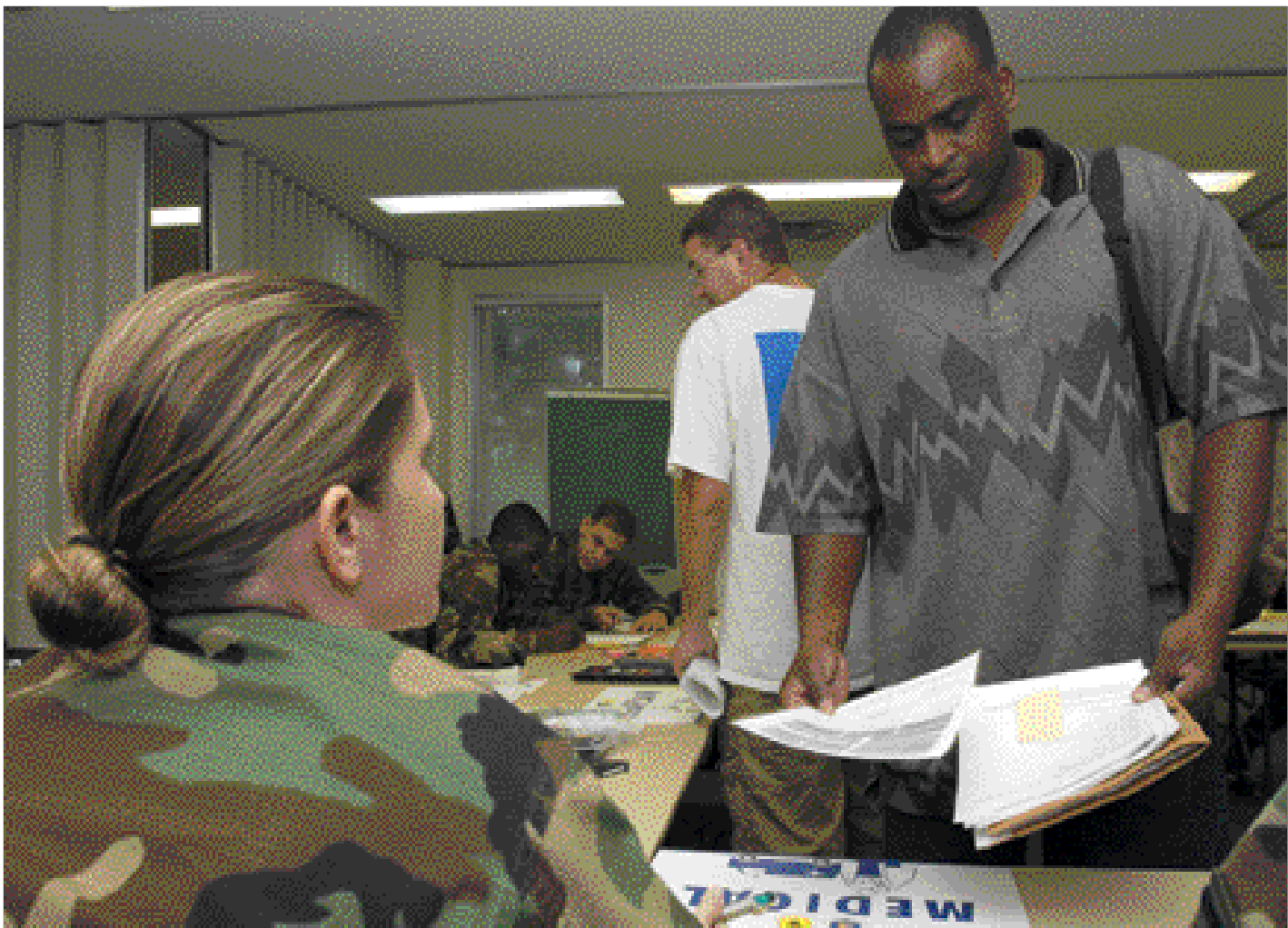
Because of the volume of personnel turnover since October, officials say units will need special attention to ensure effectiveness.

Lt. Col. Doug Gould, 18th Wing's inspector general said the wing needs to emphasize the basics.

"We need to continue fine tuning our warfighting machine," he said.

"We need to continue focusing on things like security, safety and accountability."

Tuesday the wing transitioned by gearing up forces for Phase II which kicked off on Wednesday at midnight.



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Watkins, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, receives his prescription paperwork from Second Lieutenant Nicole Porter, 18th Medical Operations Squadron, during a non-combatant evacuation operation scenario at Kadena Sunday. The scenario was part of the 18th Wing's weeklong operational readiness exercise Beverly High 04-3, Island Heat, that is scheduled to end today. For more photos on the exercise, see pages 6 and 7.

Gate construction

Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Japanese construction work on the foundation of the new visitor control center outside of Gate 1 last week. The center is part of an overhaul project that will include creating a new exit road from Gate 1 onto Highway 58. For more on Kadena's gate construction projects see page 4.

Kadena sergeant from Florida recalls absentee ballot debate

By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

One Kadena-based Airman still chuckles when he talks about the last time he voted for a U.S. president.

What makes Tech. Sgt. Keith Tuten snicker the most is that his vote by Florida absentee ballot from Okinawa was one of the ones debated by Democrats and Republicans alike in the hotly contested 2000 election for U.S. president.

"It was definitely a shock," said Sergeant Tuten, a legal resident of Florida assigned to the Erwin Professional Military Education Center at Kadena. "But it also made me proud to know that I voted, especially when the vote count came down to single digits and they were

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Air Force/A1C Michael Pallazola

Tech. Sgt. Keith Tuten of Kadena's Erwin Professional Military Education Center was one of several Florida residents who's absentee ballot was questioned in the last election.



Accident or incident: defining the difference

By Col. John Miller
18th Maintenance Group
Commander

One of the things that has always amazed me is how people interpret the definition of what constitutes an "accident."

Webster defines an accident as an "unexpected event," and I believe for the most part we would all agree that is the most common understanding of how we all might view it.

Buried a little further down, accident is also defined as "fortune or chance." It's interesting then, that in our business things can be totally unexpected and occur usually by chance. But do they really?

I see a lot of incidents in my job every day, and I'm not so sure that many of them can be called accidents. I believe that we control more of our behavior and destiny than we would like to acknowledge.

Given hind sight we might find that there were other choices available to us that

could have precluded that incident from happening in the first place.

To help illustrate my point, here is a quick example I use every time I brief newcomers to the group.

There is a loading dock down by the cargo yard that is elevated about five feet off the lower road.

The electric motors that power the safety gates to that loading dock are broken, so the gates do not close.

Until the motors can be repaired, to compensate for the broken gates, orange stanchions have been placed in front of the dock so no one drives off the end of it.

Yet, one night a driver transporting equipment with a tow vehicle drove right off the end of the dock.

Because of the weight of the equipment attached to the vehicle, he did not flip the truck over on its roof. He avoided possible serious injuries and damage to the vehicle.

We need to reserve the use of the word "accident" for those truly unexpected events that happen by chance.

How did this "accident" happened? Was this even an accident? How could the driver have driven right through the orange stanchions and off the dock?

Well, an operation had taken place earlier that day during daylight, and the stanchions were moved off to the side and were never replaced.

The driver was performing his operation later that night and had no idea that the dock ended and there was a five foot drop.

The lighting in the cargo yard created areas that made it hard to see clearly, even with the headlights of the tow vehicle. Additionally, the dri-

ver was unfamiliar with the cargo yard and it was his first time driving down there.

Was this an accident; I don't think so. I see it as an incident, with a chain of events that could have been controlled.

There were opportunities that could have prevented this incident from happening: motors on gates that needed repair, safety stanchions were moved and not replaced, a poorly lit cargo yard, and a driver who receive no familiarization training for the high-threat, congested area.

This was not an accident, but rather a series of events that should have been corrected by each individual involved.

If the gates had been repaired, the stanchions would not have been needed.

If the driver was familiar with the dock, he would have known it was going to end abruptly, even though the cargo yard had poor lighting.

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of the word "accident" for those truly unexpected events that happen by chance.

Don't label everything as an accident because it implies that you had no control in the outcome.

It easily becomes a convenient excuse for not being proactive, and for acting irresponsibly.

Most things are incidents that we do control.

Look around your home, recreation, and work environments and fix the next incident waiting to happen. We owe it to ourselves, our families, and our Airmen.

I ask you to pay close attention to your surroundings and the environment, think before you act and assess the risk before you engage in any activity.

We need each and every one of our Airmen to perform the mission.

Stay safe and don't leave your destiny to fate or chance, control the outcome!

ACTION LINES

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Brig. Gen.
Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Keep the Environment Clean

I live in Chibana housing, and I have noticed a problem in the creek that runs through the housing area. People throw trash off the bridge and the creek seems polluted. Neighboring farmers water their fields from the creek and fish there. Since it is posted to keep out by your order, I would like your permission for several volunteers from my father's squadron and I to clean up the creek. I would feel responsible if one of our neighboring Japanese farmers got sick from our trash.

Thank you for your letter. You have a very good idea. Keeping our environment clean is everyone's responsibility, and I applaud your eagerness to do so. The creek that runs near your house is part of the Higa River, and yes, it has become polluted. I appreciate your desire to help clear the river, but this work will be hazardous so I am only willing to release the restriction for adults. Our civil engineering environmental team is ready to support the cleanup and will contact your father's organization about volunteering to help. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I am impressed by your good citizenship and willingness to help.

Preventing Identity Theft

While the command has helped protect us by eliminating requirements to write or preprint Social Security numbers on checks at places such as AAFES and 18th Services Squadron facilities, the 18th Comptroller Squadron's cashier refuses to accept payment for telephone bills unless the check has a social security number on it. Is there some other way this could be handled?

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The 18th Wing is committed to preventing identity theft. Consequently, the 18th Comptroller Squadron will no longer require a social security number on personal checks. We will accept checks validated by your government issued I.D. card, listing the following information:

Full name, rank/grade, duty telephone number, organization, mailing address, and branch of service.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new policy, please contact 1st Lt. Levi Spires at 634-4000 or levi.spires@kadena.af.mil.



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Airman 1st Class Zack Morris

733rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Passenger Service Agent

Hometown: Manchester, Mich.

Reason for nomination: Airman Morris delivers outstanding customer service at the AMC Terminal. He ensured four visiting Guard and Reserve units exceeded their annual training requirements by 50 percent.

Time at Kadena: 1 year

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



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TRAFFIC CLOSURE: Gate 2 will be closed to traffic Sep. 3 between 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Eisa dancers will be performing outside the gate area.

ENERGY SAVINGS: 18th Civil Engineering Squadron officials are asking housing residents to set their air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees Fahrenheit during this week as part of the Kadena Summer Energy Conservation program. "A one degree change in air conditioning can reduce the total monthly electricity cost of a home by 3 percent."

UMPIRE CLINIC: The Far East Official's Association is recruiting and be conduct free umpire and scorekeeper's clinics for volleyball, Aug. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Camp Foster education center, room #10. Contact Mark Bradshaw at: feasoftball@yahoo.com or 090-6856-1517.

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS: August is National Immunization Awareness month. The 18th Medical Group asks that everyone ensure all immunization requirements are current. For more information, call 634-2499.

POWER OUTAGE: There will be limited services Sep 7. at the Kadena housing office due to an all-day power outage.

PWOC FALL BIBLE STUDY: Protestant Women of the Chapel will host their annual fall biblestudy kisk-off 6:30 p.m., Sep. 7 at Chapel 1. For more

Step promotee



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Master Sgt. Mark Edwards of the 733rd Air Mobility Squadron breaks for a moment as he displays his new rank. Sergeant Edwards was step promoted Aug 6. by General John W. Handy, commander of Air Mobility Command.

info., call Kelly Brown at 965-1868.

2004 AIR FORCE BALL FUNDRAISER: Voting for the Pie in the Face contest is going on now through Sep. 8. Contact your unit representative to cast your votes.

HOMETOWN NEWS HOLIDAY GREETINGS: Send video greetings to family and friends in the United States. Team will shoot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sep. 23-24 at Rocker NCO Club. To schedule an

appointment, call 634-1509.

MIDDLE EAST LECTURE LUNCHEON: Troy State University will be hosting a luncheon seminar at the Kadena Officers Club Sep. 10 at 11:30 in the Weekender Lounge. RSVP by Sep 8 at 634-3930.

WATER OUTAGE: An outage is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sep. 9 that will affect the following units: 710, 715,

717, 718, 719, 721, 727 and 787

BASE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES: All active-duty AF personnel desiring tuition assistance are required to present an individual degree plan on a floppy disk before Oct. 12. For more info., call 634-1500.

NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY: A formal ceremony and breakfast will be held at 6:30 a.m., Sep. 17, in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. RSVP by Sep. 14 by calling 634-1809.

ANNUAL INVENTORY: The 18th Munitions Squadron will close Sept. 6 through 17 to conduct a semi-annual inventory. For more information call 632-5309.

MCU COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION: Seminar programs begin Oct. 1. For info. about enrolling, contact Jim Hopkins at hopkinsjp@mcbbutlet.usmc.mil or call 645-2230/2500.

WELCOME ABOARD COFFEE: Marine and Naval officers' spouses are invited to the Butler Officers Club at 9:30 a.m., Sep. 20. For more info., call Michelle Cunningham at 646-2095 or Karen Landes at 936-0871.

VOTING: Base officials are encouraging all base residents to vote. Rules on using the absentee ballot system are available at: www.fvap.gov.



Courtesy Art

An artist's rendition of the visitor control center at Gate 1 shows how the architectural style of Okinawa will be incorporated into the refurbishment of the base's main gate.

Kadena gates to get extreme makeover

By Capt. CK Keegan

18th Wing Public Affairs

Off-base motorists heading to work will experience increased congestion and delays at Kadena gates starting in October with the closure of Gate 2.

They can also expect an even higher level of traffic in February 2005 when Gates 1 and 2 are closed at the same time.

Bryan Cawthorne, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron's construction inspector, says the long-term benefit is worth the temporary "heart burn" people will experience as gates go through these renovations.

The renovations will alleviate about 20 percent of traffic congestion, increase security and provide a better and newer image of the base to the local community he says.

The renovations affect six gates, and each gate has a different project involving either adding a truck lane, widening roads, rebuilding a guard shack, building new visitor control centers, adding smart-gates, putting in canopies for searching vehicles or installing extra security measures.

Gate 2 will stay open for pedestrian traffic through the construction process and Gate 4 will remain closed.

The Air Force delayed the \$6.5 million construction project, originally set to start in January, to add canopies and

Smart Gates to the project. The canopies will shield people searching vehicles from the elements. Although PACAF has not made a decision as to the details of the SmartGates, Mr. Cawthorne said it could be a lane that accepts a swipe card or even a sensor which detects something on your vehicle as you pass through.

Kadena will be the first base in the Air Force with SmartGates and the first in Pacific Air Forces, according to Kadena civil engineers.

Officials expect the renovation to be complete by February 2006. Until then, they suggest arriving to work a little early, ahead of the trucks.

"I would venture to say truck traffic is going to be a large problem," said Mr. Cawthorne. "Also, there will be a lot of back-up traffic at Gates 5 and 3, especially Gate 3 because there isn't a lane to turn right."

To escape traffic congestion, Mr. Cawthorne suggests coming to work before 7 a.m.

"Seven is when you start getting your local national workers and then at about 7:30 the trucks start lining up to get on base," he said.

Mr. Cawthorne says he understands people are going to get frustrated, but the construction will pay off for everyone and he asks people to "...take it easy and try to bear with us for the time being because it will get better."

Anatomy of an extreme makeover for Kadena's Gate 1 refurbishment

SOURCE: Army Corps of Engineers

Air Force Master Sgt. Adam Johnston

Officials at Kadena anticipate Gate 1 to close Feb. 1, 2005 to build a larger guard shack, a new visitor control center, a canopy for truck inspections and a SmartGate. The chart below is the scheduled timeline for construction on various gates at Kadena during the next two years.

GATE	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS	RENOVATIONS
Gate 1 Phase 1 Phase 2	June 15, 2004 Feb. 1, 2005	Feb. 1, 2005 July 1, 2005	Open Closed	Larger guard shack, new visitor control center, canopy for truck inspections and SmartGate.
Gate 2	Oct. 1, 2004	Aug. 1, 2005	Closed	Larger guard shack, new visitor control center, canopy for truck inspections and SmartGate.
Gate 3 Phase 1 Phase 2	August 2005 November 2006	November 2005 February 2006	Open Closed	Larger guard shack, new visitor control center, canopy for truck inspections and SmartGate.
Gate 5	July 2005	August 2005	Closed	Larger guard shack and SmartGate.
Gate 6	July 5, 2004	Oct. 30, 2004	Closed	Larger guard shack and widen the road.
Farmers Gate	June 21, 2004	Oct. 30, 2004	Closed	Larger guard shack and widen the road.

SOURCE: 18th Civil Engineer Squadron

Air Force Capt. CK Keegan

VOTE:

Local campaign gears up for voter's week

Voting assistants at Kadena

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Capt Justin Lewis, 634-8476
- 17th Special Operations Squadron
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- 18th Component Maintenance Squadron
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- 353rd Maintenance Squadron
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- 353rd Special Operations Group/Operations Support Squadron
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- DET 3 AFIOH IN
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- Det 3, PACAF Air Postal Squadron
TSgt Kurt Mason, 634-7817
- Support Center PACIFIC
Leon Blankenship, 634-9498

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counting 'one-sies' and 'two-sies,' " he said.

Sergeant Tuten — like many military members from Florida who voted by absentee ballot in the last presidential election — was thrust into the spotlight when Republicans and Democrats wrangling over vote counting in the 2000 election to determine the winner of the race for president raised questions about absentee ballots.

The debate — which raged for nearly a month and involved a myriad of questions, including a debate about the validity of absentee ballots from overseas military bases that did not have a postmark — was finally resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision that favored the

Republican candidate. "To have an impact from 10,000 miles away definitely lends credibility to the process," Sergeant Tuten said.

"It kind of hit home how important the electoral process is," he said.

"The most important right that we have as Americans is the right to choose our elected representatives," said Maj. Mark Lynch of the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Major Lynch is Kadena's assistant voting assistance officer. "As military members who swear to support the Constitution and defend the freedoms of American citizens and others around the globe, it is imperative that we also exercise our voting rights at every opportunity."

Major Lynch said the primary focus at Kadena by voting assistance officials is to ensure 100 percent of all military members and their eligible voting age family members are contacted and educated on the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot in their hometowns.

"Kadena voting counselors

embarked on an aggressive campaign to advertise absentee voting opportunities earlier this year," said Major Lynch. Among those initiatives: organizers hosted two voting assistance program workshops in June, developed and distributed single-page flyers focusing on frequently asked voting questions and have marketed their program through posters within units at Kadena and the commissary.

"Coming soon, voting registration booths will be set up at the commissary and postal service center during Armed Forces Voters' Week, Sept. 3 through 11," said Major Lynch.

For those who may not want to wait until that time, Major Lynch said eligible voters can sign up to receive an absentee ballot from their state by completing the Federal Post Card Application available from unit voting counselors or on-line at: www.fvap.gov.

"The forms must be sent no later than Sept. 15 to participate," said Major Lynch.

Sergeant Tuten said he's already completed that form and is waiting for his absentee ballot to be sent from the registrar in Volusia County, Fla.

As for this year's election, Sergeant Tuten said he thinks it'll be another tight race.

"I think it will be very close again," he said. "It may be another 50/50 race," he said.

Sergeant Tuten said the experience from the last vote tally has taught him one absolute: it's important to vote. "You should vote your conscious or your heart because if you don't vote, you just give the other candidate an extra chance," he said. That's a chance Sergeant Tuten said he isn't willing to squander. Especially, since the last ballot he cast had such major implications.

"To have an impact from 10,000 miles away definitely lends credibility to the process."



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Kadena officials are distributing Air and Space Expeditionary Force identification cards to help Airmen keep track of their deployment information.

Kadena officials distribute AEF cards

An Airman's projected deployment information can fit inside his or her wallet thanks to the new Air and Space Expeditionary Force identification card.

The AEF cards are one way to help airmen understand the details of their deployments.

"The card tells airmen what AEFs they belong to," said Capt. Edie Van Weezendonk, 18th Mission Support Squadron section commander. "On the back of the card, airmen will find the AEF-cycle chart and addresses of Web sites that can give them more pre-deployment information. This gives Airmen predictability to help them and their families plan in advance for deployment."

Everyone assigned to an AEF must carry an ID card. This policy began Aug. 1 at Kadena, with Unit Deployment Managers working hard to get everyone's card printed and handed out by the required date. According to Captain Van Weezendonk, they made the deadline, but there are still a few people who don't have cards.

"There are a few circumstances such as people who are on leave or on temporary duty who still haven't received their cards," said Captain Van

Weezendonk.

"But if you don't have a card, make sure you check with your UDM to get it." Orderly rooms are adding the AEF card to check-in procedures when a member arrives on the base.

"Commanders must ensure their airmen are assigned to UTCs, aligned with an AEF, and trained-to-task to perform the UTC's mission," said Brig. Gen. Al Peck, AEF Center commander in a recent Air Force news story.

"There are a variety of tools available to commanders to assist them, like the AEF Online Web site and the AEF UTC Reporting Tool, which tracks the ability of wings to meet their expeditionary requirements. The AEF ID card is one more tool they can use to keep their people informed."

"We designed the cards to be user-friendly and contain the information people want to know," said Peck.

"The AEF is designed to offer more predictability and stability to our airmen and their families. If our people take the time to get this card, much of their essential deployment information will be at their fingertips, making deployment planning much easier."

Kadena pitches in



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

Capt. David Wright (right), 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group, tosses a sand bag during a fortification project at Ballad Air Base, Iraq. More than a dozen volunteers spent four hours fortifying the Internet Cafe, Library and phone tents using more than 7,500 sandbags to complete the job. Captain Wright is deployed to Ballad from the 44th Fighter Squadron at Kadena.

Beverly High 04-3 exercise pumps up Okinawa's "Is



Senior Airman Adam Morrison, 18 Logistics Readiness Squadron, quickly directs a forklift driver Monday as part of the 18th Wing's weeklong operational readiness exercise ends today.



Sergeant Joe Hale (left), of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron, assists Maj. Dave Parlotz, of the 909th ARS, as he processes through a decontamination line following a simulated chemical attack Tuesday. Kadena weather officials say the highest temperature Tuesday was 86 degrees fahrenheit.

Air Force/Staff Sgt. Maritza Freeland



Maj. Doug Dawson and 909th Refueling Squadron following a simulated chemical attack.

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Air Force/Airman Gary Edwards
Beverly High 04-3 Island Heat that



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister
r Master Sgt. Daniel Wells, of the
it their turn to be decontaminated
attack at Kadena Tuesday.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Martiza Freeland
Fire and emergency team members, Satoshi Chibana (left) and Ryosaki Higa, of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, secure a mock victim for transport during a fake vehicle accident at Kadena Air Base Sunday.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Martiza Freeland
Capt. Brian Gwinnup of the 909th Air Refueling Squadron briefs a departing crew as part of an evacuation process Monday.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather L. Tower
Yoshio Arakaki and Kayo Munemitsu, of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, simulate hosing down an F-15 while a team extracts a pilot Tuesday.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory
Iha Naoki of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron puts out a simulated fire as part of a building fire scenario at Kadena Sunday.



Air Force/Airman Stephanie Sinclair
Senior Airmen Fred J. Parker and Teresa A. Bamberg of the 18th Medical Operations Squadron stabilize a mock Airman pulled from a wrecked car during a major vehicle accident scenario Sunday.

Buying school supplies



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Michael Pallazola

Mattea Smith, 6, grabs a notebook Wednesday, as mother Leslie Smith and brother Brenton shop in the Kadena base exchange. Mattea and students throughout Kadena start school on Monday. Base officials ask motorists to drive carefully in the school zones around base and to remember that the speed limit in school zones is 25 kilometers per hour.

Kindergarten teacher tops in Okinawa

By Capt. CK Keegan
18th Wing Public Affairs

Regina Shepard, a kindergarten teacher at Kinser Elementary School, was named the 2004 DoDDS Okinawa District teacher of the year out of 750 teachers, and Sidney Murray, a 6-year-old from Kinser Elementary, knows why.

"Cause she's funny," said Sidney. "She makes funny faces and she calls me Rotten Princess." Sidney said she calls her that because, "I'm rotten."

Sidney's mom, Shondella, Kinser Elementary School secretary, knows there is a lot more to it than that. "She is so dedicated. She is there before everyone else in the morning and she stays longer than everyone else. When my daughter was starting school, I prayed she would get Ms. Shepard."

Ms. Shepard says teaching is just a way of life for her.

"It's a lifestyle. It doesn't stop when I go home, it doesn't stop during Summer break and it doesn't stop at Christmas," she said. "It's a part of me and I love it."

She said the kids keep her motivated and keep her young.

"I like to see kids learn. I love to watch the light bulb come on when they've got something."

She was unable to explain her teaching style, but she said she uses different methods because not everyone learns the same way. She gives each student what that student needs. The kids sing and dance, role play, learn cooperation, and more. She said you just have to see it to believe it.

"Not all children learn the same way and not all children learn the same day."

She said she had one student when she taught first grade who could not write his vocabulary words. When she asked him to say them out loud, he could do it. So she gave him his spelling tests verbally. By April, he was able to take his tests with other students. She said the objective was met, but not in the traditional manner.

Ms. Shepard has been teaching for 25 years and 16 of those have been with DoDDS. This is her fifth year in Okinawa. And while she has taught other grades, she said kindergarten is her favorite.

DoDDs changes school zones to even enrollment, reduce crowding

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Overcrowding of schools like Zukeran Elementary and Kadena High Schools is driving Department of Defense Dependant Schools, Okinawa, to change school zones in order to distribute attendance more evenly.

During a yearly review, DoDDS identified schools that were overcrowded while other schools had a surplus of space. DoDDS officials are working to balance school enrollments with school capacities.

"When enrollments are balanced, our schools are in a much better position to provide optimal educational and support services to all students," said Ron Sharik, DoDDS Okinawa chief of staff.

Another factor affecting the change is the expectation of an increase in student enrollment of about 1,000 students due to a Marine Corps policy change which increased minimum tour length to two years.

"We had a panel made up of representatives of all the military services, parents, housing, student transportation, and our office," said Dr. Gayle Vaughn-Wiles, DoDDS Okinawa superintendent.

"They looked at numerous proposals. In the end, [their] proposal solved the short term problem while leaving us some flexibility to adjust to further changes."

The proposal includes DoDDS granting fewer waivers for students to attend a school outside their school zone.

Back to School safety tips

School starts Monday and all vehicle operators need to drive with extreme caution in the school zones and around school buses.

Vehicle operators

- Drive extra cautiously around school zones.
- Park in only designated areas, and pick up and drop off children in authorized areas.
- Do not stop or park within 15 feet/5 meters of a crosswalk or intersection.

Rules for School Bus Safety

- Dress appropriately for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps, etc. are shortened or removed to lessen the likelihood of them getting caught.
- Stay away from the bus and street until the bus driver instructs you to board.
- Always use the handrail.
- Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up.
- Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.
- Never run back to the bus, even if you forgot something. If you drop something around the bus, don't try to get it...stop and tell the driver.

Rules for walking to school

- When crossing the street look right, look left, and right again.
- Cross at designated crosswalks or intersections...never between cars.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways or parking lots.
- Plan the daily route and walk it with your parents.

Students will be unable to attend Kadena High School on waivers. The only exception is for seniors who attended Kadena High as juniors last year.

Selection of waivers will take place once DoDDS places all students in their zoned school.

The gaining school will notify parents if requested waivers are accepted.

WestPac Lodge students and New Sada multiplex students will now attend Zukeran Elementary.

Plaza housing and new Kiwata Terrace housing students on Kadena will now attend Stearly Heights Elementary. New Sada Towers is now zoned for Killin Elementary.

The proposal also changes the policy and placement of space-available students.

Space-available students are those not covered by the Status of Forces Agreement.

They will no longer attend Kadena High, unless the student falls under the exception for seniors.

"Changes to our zones, space available and waivers policies have been coordinated with each local military commander," said Mr. Sharik. "Those that will be affected by these policy changes will need to work their concerns with their local commanders or community representatives."

TODAY

URASHIMA DINNER THEATER
TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more details.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Dance Hall Reggae Night from 9 p.m. until close in the Lounge.

WASHI CRAFT FOR KIDS: A one-session class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

SCRAP THE NIGHT AWAY: A one-session class will be held from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE: Enjoy a great evening at the Kadena Youth Center as you prepare to return to school. Open to youth ages 9-12. Call 634-0500.

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

ROCK 'N' ROLL BOWLING: Rock 'n' bowl fun begins from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Emery Lanes. Call 634-2290 for more information.

SATURDAY

HANDMADE CRAFTS SALE: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

FIT 2 WIN AQUA ADVENTURES: Held at Hagerstrom Pool, have fun in the pool and earn points towards your Fit 2 Win goals. Open to youth ages 9-12. Call 634-0500.

NISHIZAKI WATER PARK TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.

TASTE OF THE TOWN TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS: Starts at noon until 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club parking lot. Bands will compete for cash prizes and more, while the winner will play at America Fest. Call 634-0365.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join us at the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more information.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Country night with DJ Leis from 8 p.m. until closing.

FREE TRIP: Join the Youth Center for a free trip to the Okinawa Comprehensive Water Park. Limited seating on the bus so slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Open to youth ages 6-12. Call 634-0500.

ADVANCED MATTING TECHNIQUES CLASS: A one-session class from 9:15 a.m. to noon at Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

SUNDAY

BATTLE OF OKINAWA TOUR: Call 634-4322 for more information.

BISQUE PAINTING FOR KIDS: A one-session class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Kadena Arts & Crafts Center. Call 634-1666 to register.

FAMILY DAY: Bowling games are reduced price for parents and children that bowl together at Emery Lanes from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 634-2290 for more information.

SUNDAY BRUNCH DRAWING: Enjoy Kadena Officers' Club lunch buffet and you could win Sunday brunch for two. For more information call 634-3663.

VIRTUAL PENTATHLON: Log on to register for a virtual board game at www.pacfive.com and become eligible to win an assortment of instant prizes and 15 amazing grand prizes. The Pentathlon Game is open to all patrons eligible to use Services facilities. Pentathlon runs now until 31 Oct.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Top 40 Melt-down from 7 to 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: All that Jazz and table and card games from 5 to 8 p.m. fol-

Glow in the dark bowling



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Children bowl in the day-glo environment of the Skoshi Bowl Saturday. The Skoshi Bowl is open Monday through Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 6:30 to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The bowling alley has 12 lanes and a snack bar.

lowed by Old School from 8 to 11 p.m.

MONDAY

KIDS MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Free buffet for kids with cake and ice cream at the Kadena Officers' Club. Kids age 10 and under will receive a goody bag to take home. Adults get in for \$5. No take-out from the buffet. From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Kaduka Ballroom.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

POWER HOUR: Youth ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500 for more information.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Mongolian BBQ 1 oz - 60 cents in the Flame Room.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: 50-cent hamburgers and hot dogs from 5 to 7 p.m. or until sold-out, followed by variety dance hits from 7 until 11 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Rock around the Clock with C Note classic to modern rock from 7 p.m. until closing.

CAKE DECORATING: Class held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

TUESDAY

LADIES DAY GOLF: Tee times for ladies are not required between 8 and 9 a.m. Just show up and tee off! Open to all ladies eligible to use the Banyan Tree Golf Course. A golf instructor will be available at the range to answer questions and help with your swing. Normal green fees apply.

TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

POWER HOUR: Youth ages 9-

12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500 for more information.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: New York Strip for two - \$22.95 in the Flame Room.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Rock night with DJ Mad Cap from 7 p.m. until closing.

POOL TOURNAMENT: Win cash prizes for playing pool starting at 8 p.m. at Banyan Tree Club.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Crazy Karaoke from 8 until 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

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POWER HOUR: Youth ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 634-0500 for more information.

OKINAWA DANCE: Class from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER: Sign-ups begin for October classes. Pick up a detailed schedule of classes at the Arts & Crafts Center's front counter or call 634-1666.

INFO QUEST 2004: Get started on your quest for fascinating information and win prizes at the Kadena Base Library. Call 634-7719 for more information.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: 20% off regular menu for Air Force Club Members only in the Flame Room.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Request night Top 40 from 7 to 11 p.m. and Social Hour from 9 to 10 p.m.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Ladies Night with Rob Ski from 8 p.m. until closing.

THURSDAY

CATFISH FRY: At the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Open to all club card members. Call 634-3663 for more information.

POWER HOUR: Youth ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a program to raise academic proficiency at the Kadena Youth Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call

634-0500 for more information.

JAPANESE CLASS: Adult conversational class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY: Adult class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387.

TAI CHI CHUAN: Adult classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

FREE SALSA LESSONS: At the Kadena Officers' Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes!

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Prime Rib Dinner for two - \$21.95 in the Flame Room.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Latin music and build your own burrito bar from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by Country night with DJ Chaps from 7 p.m. until closing.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Latin variety music from 8 p.m. until closing.

SEPT. 3

LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT OKUMA: Bring your family for beach time fun featuring free live entertainment, movies by the beach, adult and kid's karaoke, sand sculpting, volleyball, prizes and more! Call 632-4386 for more information.

'WIN ME': Harley Davidson Bingo Game and Drawing at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

RIGHT HAND PERSONS

EVENING: Say thanks to your significant other (your right hand man or woman) for all they do with an evening of free snacks and fun at the Kadena Officers' Club from 5 to 7 p.m.

FREE BOWLING: Children 9 to 18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children 10 and older need only to show ID card to join, 9 year olds must be signed in by a parent. Participants must bowl on the designated lanes. A three game limit may apply and a waiting list will be used when the free lanes are busy. Call 634-2290.

BACK TO SCHOOL

PARTY: Children ages 6-8 can dress up as their favorite book character for this party and receive a caramel apple treat at

the Kadena Youth Center from 7 to 9 p.m.

KUMON MATH: Math study for children ages 5 to 18 in 40-minute sessions from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call 634-1387 for more information.

COYOTE UGLY THEME NIGHT: 8 p.m. until closing at the Banyan Tree Club.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Super Snacks and Blast from the Past from 5 to 7 p.m. and Virus Fridaze from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m.

THE BEST R&B ALL-NIGHT LONG: Starting at 10 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Super Snacks Social and Deja vu with the Doctor from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by variety dance beats from 7 p.m. until closing.

SEPT. 4

GIANT YARD SALE: At the Schilling Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all SOFA status personnel and authorized guests. Call 634-1387.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour session for ages 5 and up at the Schilling Community Center from 7 to noon. Call 634-1387 for more details.

PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: At the Schilling Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT KUME ISLAND TOUR: Call 634-4322.

HOME-BASED BUSINESS SHOW: Browse a selection of businesses at the Schilling Community Center from 10 to 5 p.m. Call 634-1387.

TABLETOP WARRIORS CLUB: Join us at the Schilling Community Center for great tabletop gaming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 634-1387 for more details.

KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB: Gourmet night in the Flame Room from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

MOVIES

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

▲ Today: White Chicks, PG-13, 6 p.m.
▲ Saturday: The Notebook, PG-13, noon
White Chicks, PG-13, 4 p.m.
Manchurian Candidate, R, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday: White Chicks, PG-13, noon
The Notebook, PG, 4 p.m.
Manchurian Candidate, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday: White Chicks, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday: The Notebook, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday: White Chicks, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday: Collateral, NR, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater
▲ Today: White Chicks, PG-13, 7 p.m.
Manchurian Candidate, R, 10 p.m.
▲ Saturday: Two Brothers, PG, 1 p.m.
White Chicks, PG-13, 4 p.m.
Collateral, NR, 7 p.m.
The Notebook, PG-13, 10 p.m.
▲ Sunday: Shrek 2, PG, 1 p.m.
Collateral, NR, 4 p.m.
Collateral, NR, 7 p.m.
▲ Monday: White Chicks, PG-13, 7 p.m.
▲ Tuesday: Shrek 2, PG, 3 p.m.
Collateral, NR, 7 p.m.
▲ Wednesday: Around the World in 80 Days, PG, 7 p.m.
▲ Thursday: Alien vs. Predator, NR, 7 p.m.

CHAPEL

Catholic

▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
▲ Saturday: Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant

▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.
▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school, Bldg. 326 and Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m.
▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
▲ Eastern Orthodox service: call 645-7486
▲ Jewish services: call 637-1027
▲ Islamic services: call 636-3219



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Aoi Takamiyagi, right, Tami Carollo, and LaQuina Bell join in a game of Twister at the Kadena Youth Center during the International Lock-In Saturday. The lock-in brought 21 Okinawa children and 19 American children together for friendship and joint activities from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.



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Children enjoy pizza at Skoshi Bowl during the International lock-in.



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All the children at the event received t-shirts in both English and Japanese to build team com-
raderie.



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Children practice basketball during an international lock-in held Saturday at the Kadena Youth Center.



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Hiroto Tamaki, (left) 11, Keitaro Nago, 11, Masatoshi Nago, 9, and Keidai Heshiki, 11, paint shirts at the Kadena Youth Center during the international lock-in.



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Lynn Andrews and Keiko Toma explain the night's events at the International Lock-In at Kadena Youth Center.